

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. All time having expired, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Ralph R. Beistline, of Alaska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska? The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CARPER). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Ex.]

YEAS—98

Akaka	Dorgan	Lott
Allard	Durbin	Lugar
Allen	Edwards	McCain
Baucus	Ensign	McConnell
Bayh	Enzi	Mikulski
Bennett	Feingold	Miller
Biden	Feinstein	Murkowski
Bingaman	Fitzgerald	Murray
Bond	Frist	Nelson (FL)
Boxer	Graham	Nelson (NE)
Breaux	Gramm	Nickles
Brownback	Grassley	Reed
Bunning	Gregg	Reid
Burns	Hagel	Roberts
Byrd	Harkin	Rockefeller
Campbell	Hatch	Sarbanes
Cantwell	Helms	Schumer
Carnahan	Hollings	Sessions
Carper	Hutchinson	Shelby
Chafee	Hutchison	Smith (NH)
Cleland	Inhofe	Smith (OR)
Clinton	Inouye	Snowe
Cochran	Jeffords	Stabenow
Collins	Johnson	Stevens
Conrad	Kennedy	Thomas
Corzine	Kerry	Thompson
Craig	Kohl	Thurmond
Crapo	Kyl	Torricelli
Daschle	Landrieu	Voinovich
Dayton	Leahy	Warner
DeWine	Levin	Wellstone
Dodd	Lieberman	Wyden
Domenici	Lincoln	

NOT VOTING—2

Santorum Specter

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have spoken to the two managers of this legislation. What we are going to do now, if the unanimous consent request is approved, is go to morning business until 12:30.

The amendment offered by the Senator from California, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, is an extremely important amendment dealing with derivatives, among other things. The way the legislation is now written, it appears Senator GRAMM of Texas opposes this legislation. He and the Senator from California are now in deliberations. The arrangement has been made that they are going to report back at 2:15 today after the party conferences are completed. If there is some hope that further discussion between them will bear some fruit, then we will go further; otherwise, we are going to complete that matter today. Senator GRAMM said he wants to speak on it for a while. He may have a second-degree amendment.

I say to all Members, we need to move forward. As I indicated on behalf of the majority leader today, we have light at the end of the tunnel. The minority leader has indicated he thinks we can finish this bill by a week from this Friday. We agree that is certainly the way it should be.

We have some important matters to consider. We have to do something with ANWR, we have to do something with CAFE standards, and electricity. We hope those three very difficult, contentious issues can be disposed of. And we would indicate we are going to finish derivatives before we move to something else, unless there is some agreement between the two Senators. We cannot keep bouncing around this legislation.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. So, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period of 10 minutes each, until 12:30 p.m., when, under the previous order, we will recess for the weekly party conferences.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Alaska.

THE ENERGY BILL

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I concur with the statement of the majority whip. I look forward to, hopefully, moving with some dispatch on the energy bill. There are probably a few more contentious issues, as you know: Electricity, certainly ANWR, CAFE, renewables. So we have our work cut out for us. I encourage Mem-

bers to try to recognize that it is very important we have an energy bill and we get it in conference.

I communicate to the majority whip, perhaps he can enlighten us at a later time if indeed campaign finance reform is going to come into play and delay us. Perhaps he can do that at such time as he is able to give us some idea when that might occur. I assume that would not necessarily take us off the bill.

Mr. REID. If the Senator will yield, Senator DASCHLE and Senator LOTT met today with some of us, and it is believed that the campaign finance matter can be resolved in as little as 3 hours, to complete everything within that period of time, and send it to the House. That certainly isn't done yet. Senator DASCHLE has asked for an agreement to be entered in the RECORD tomorrow in that regard. If that were the case, it would temporarily slow down this bill, but that is all.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I appreciate that. I must say, I am pleased with the optimism shown by the majority whip. Perhaps to finish in 3 hours would be a record. Let's work towards it.

Mr. President, I am going to speak in morning business for 10 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

IRAQ

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, yesterday our President, President George W. Bush, marked the 6-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks. I think we would all agree he used some very strong words for our adversaries.

I quote President Bush:

Every nation in our coalition must take seriously the growing threat of terror on a catastrophic scale—terror armed with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

That was his comment yesterday.

Further, he stated:

Some states that sponsor terror are seeking or already possess weapons of mass destruction. Terrorist groups are hungry for these weapons and would use them without a hint of conscience.

Further quoting him:

In preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction, there is no margin for error and no chance to learn from mistakes.

Further quoting him:

Our coalition must act deliberately, but inaction is not an option.

I would refer to that again: "inaction is not an option."

He added:

Men with no respect for life must never be allowed to control the ultimate instruments of death.

The President did not name names, but it is becoming increasingly clear that when we talk about targeting terror, we are talking about targeting Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

We know he has chemical weapons because we have watched him use them on his own people. We know Saddam wants nuclear weapons because his chief bomb maker defected to the West